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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

There will be a public hearing meeting of the **Finance Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Monday, September 13, 2010** at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to consider the following:

**306665 AMENDMENT TO THE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Bridget Gainer, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Gregg Goslin, Edwin Reyes, Timothy O. Schneider and Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners; Co-Sponsored by Earlean Collins, John P. Daley and Peter N. Silvestri, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Sections 2-633, 2-634, 2-637 and 2-640 of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-633. Information required of registrants.**

(a) Within 30 days of engaging in any activity, which requires such person to register, and subsequently between January 1 and January 20 of each year, every person required to register under Section 2-631 shall file in the office of the Clerk a written statement, subscribed under oath, containing the following information:

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- (6) Registrants shall pay an annual, nonrefundable, nontransferable filing fee as set out in Section 32-1, per entity and a separate fee per exclusive lobbyist, payable to the Clerk upon filing.

(b) The separate fee, per exclusive lobbyist, as set forth in Subsection (a)(6) of this section, shall be waived for employees of nonprofit organizations that are exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, provided such organizations lobby only with their own employees and the employees who lobby work a minimum of 1,000 hours per year for the organization.

(c) In the event any substantial change or addition occurs with respect to the information required by this division to be contained in the registration statement, including the addition or subtraction of a client, an amendment to the statement shall be filed with the Clerk within 14 days.

(d) All reports filed pursuant to this section and Section 2-634 shall be filed electronically and under oath, according to rules and regulations to be established by the Clerk, as of the date such rules and regulations are promulgated. Reports filed electronically shall be timely if filed by 11:59 p.m. on the established due date. The Clerk shall post the filed reports on the Clerk's website within three business days from the established due date.

(e) In addition to other penalties provided in this division, any person filing a late registration under this section shall be assessed a late filing fee as set out in Section 32-1 per day the registration is late, payable to the Clerk upon filing. Any person filing a late registration after January 31 shall also be subject to a penalty of \$150.00 per day, to be levied as set forth in Section 2-637.

(f) Within ~~48~~ 24 hours of being retained, hired or employed by any person to lobby on that person's behalf, a registrant shall amend the report filed pursuant to this section to include the information required under (a)(3) of this section, as to the person newly retaining the registrant. The Clerk shall post the filed amended reports on the Clerk's website within three business days from the established due date.

**Sec. 2-634. Reports.**

(a) Every person so registering shall, so long as the person's activity continues, file with the Clerk between January 1 and January 20 and between July 1 and July 20 ~~two reports under oath: a lobbying expenditure report and a lobbying activity report~~ a lobbying activity and expenditure report

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- (2) The Lobbying activity report shall include all lobbying contacts made with County officials or County employees. For each such contact, the report shall list the date of the contact, the County official or County employee with whom the lobbying contact was made, the title of the County official or County employee, the entity on whose behalf the lobbying contact was made, the subject matter of the of the lobbying contact, including any County contract, involved in the contact. If the lobbyist has a relationship be birth or marriage with the County official or employee lobbied, such relationship shall be stated. If the registrant made no such lobbying contacts during the reporting periods herein described, the registrant shall file and state herein that the registrant had no such contacts.

(b) Individual expenditures which aggregate \$100.00 or less otherwise required to be reported hereunder under (a)(1) of this Section may be reported in aggregate amounts without detail, provided that any gift solicited by a County official or County employee must be reported in detail as set forth above, additionally listing the recipient of such gift.

(c) Reports required under (a)(1) of this Section shall include for each client the following aggregate expenses attributable to lobbying activities, to be identified as such: advertising and publications; lodging and travel that are not reported by another registrant; educational or advocacy expenses; honoraria; meals, beverages, and entertainment expenses; political contributions; and gifts.

(d) With respect to each client of the registrant, the registrant shall report the following in the lobbying activity and expenditure report:

- (1) The name, business and permanent address and nature of business of the client and any other business entities on whose behalf lobbying was performed for the same compensation.
- (2) A statement of the amount of compensation.
- (3) The name and title of each person lobbied and a brief description of the County matter involved.

(e) A registrant who terminates employment or duties which required registration under this division shall give submit to the Clerk, within 30 days after the date of such termination, ~~written notice of such termination and shall include therewith a report of the an~~

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County employee with whom the lobbying contact was made, the title of the County official or County employee, the entity on whose behalf the lobbying contact was made, the subject matter of the of the lobbying contact, including any County contract, involved in the contact.

- (1) All known lobbying contacts on any item for consideration before the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be reported by the Department or elected official sponsoring the item when the item is entered into the Automated Board Agenda for appearance on the agenda with the item. If lobbying contacts are made following the Automated Board Agenda deadline set by the Clerk of the Board, the Department or elected official shall submit the amended lobbying contact report in writing to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion on the errata prior to the meeting for which the item was submitted.

(g) Failure without just cause to file any such report within the time designated herein or the knowing reporting of false or incomplete information shall constitute a violation of this division. In addition to other penalties provided in this division, any person filing a late report under this section shall be assessed a late filing fee as set out in Section 32-1 per day the report is late, payable to the Clerk upon filing. Any person filing a late report after January 31 (for reports due by January 20) or after July 31 (for reports due by July 20) shall also be subject to a penalty of \$150.00 per day, to be levied as set forth in Section 2-637. Any registrant who is required to file a report hereunder may effect one 30-day extension of time for filing the report by filing with the Clerk, not less than ten days before the date on which the statement is due, a declaration of intention to defer the filing of the report. The filing of such declaration shall suspend application of the penalty provisions contained herein for the duration of the extension. Failure to file by the extended date shall constitute a violation of this division and shall subject the registrant to the penalty described herein.

**Sec. 2-637. Enforcement.**

(a) Any person found by a court to be guilty of filing a late registration or report after January 31 (in the case of reports due after by January 20) or after July 31 (in the case of reports due by July 20) shall be assessed a fine of ~~\$400.00~~ \$150.00 per day late.

(b) In addition to the penalties provided for in Subsection (a) of this section, any person convicted of any violation of any provision of this division is prohibited for a period of three years from the date of the conviction from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any lobbying activities.

306666      **AMENDMENT TO THE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by William M. Beavers, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, Pursuant to Cook County's home rule authority under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners ("County Board") that amends Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-622 entitled "Definitions" and creates 2-641 entitled "Prohibition from Lobbying Activities" of the Cook County Code are thereafter amended, included and renumbered as follows:

**Sec. 2-622. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Administrative action* means the execution or rejection of any rule, regulation, legislative rule, standard, fee, rate, contractual agreement, purchasing agreement or other delegated legislative or quasi-legislative action to be taken or withheld by any County official or County employee.

*Board* means the County Board and any and all of its standing or special committees or subcommittees.

*Clerk* means the duly elected or appointed Clerk of the County.

*Commissioner* means any of the duly elected or duly appointed County Board members.

*Compensation* means money, thing of value or other pecuniary benefits received or to be received in return for, or as reimbursement for, or as a result of, services rendered or to be rendered, for lobbying. This includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to provide or arrange for compensation for services rendered or to be rendered.

*County agency* means any board, commission, department or authority under the jurisdiction of the President or Board or any other County official.

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*File, filed, or filing* means:

- (1) Delivery to an office of the Clerk by the close of business of the prescribed filing date; or
- (2) Deposit with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, in sufficient time so that the mailed documents arrive at an office of the Clerk by the close of business of the prescribed filing date.

*Gift* means anything having a value of \$10.00 or more given without consideration or expectation of return.

*Legislation* means ordinances, resolutions, amendments, nominations, appointments, reports, contracts or proposed contracts, and other matters pending or proposed in the Board or which require Board approval.

*Legislative action* means the development, drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, adoption, rejection, review, enactment, or passage or defeat of any ordinance, amendment, motion, resolution, report, nomination, administrative rule or other matter by any County official or County employee. The term "legislative action" also means the action of the President in approving or vetoing any ordinance, resolution or motion or portion thereof, and the action of any County official or County employee in the development of a proposal for introduction before the Board.

*Lobby or lobbying* means to, for compensation, attempt to influence a County official or County employee with respect to any County matter.

*Lobbyist* means any person who lobbies.

"Lobbying Enterprise" means any entity that hires, retains, employs, or compensates a natural person to lobby local, state or federal governments or agencies.

*Person* means any individual, entity, corporation, partnership, firm, association, union, trust, estate, as well as any parent or subsidiary of any of the foregoing, and whether or not operated for profit.

*Political contribution* means any money or thing of value given to a political committee, as defined in 10 ILCS 5/9-1.9 (political committee defined), in the County.

308460      **AMENDMENT TO THE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ORDINANCE  
(PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance  
Amendment sponsored by Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, County  
Commissioner.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-622 REGARDING DEFINITIONS**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Division 3 Lobbyist, Subdivision I In General, Section 2-622 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-622. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Administrative action* means the execution or rejection of any rule, regulation, legislative rule, standard, fee, rate, contractual agreement, purchasing agreement or other delegated legislative or quasi-legislative action to be taken or withheld by any County official or County employee.

*Board* means the County Board and any and all of its standing or special committees or subcommittees.

*Clerk* means the duly elected or appointed Clerk of the County.

*Commissioner* means any of the duly elected or duly appointed County Board members.

*Compensation* means money, thing of value or other pecuniary benefits received or to be received in return for, or as reimbursement for, or as a result of, services rendered or to be rendered, for lobbying. This includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to provide or arrange for compensation for services rendered or to be rendered.

*County agency* means any board, commission, department or authority under the jurisdiction of the President or Board or any other County official.

*County employee* means an individual employed by the County whether part-time or full-

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- (2) Deposit with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, in sufficient time so that the mailed documents arrive at an office of the Clerk by the close of business of the prescribed filing date.

*Gift* means anything having a value of \$10.00 or more given without consideration or expectation of return.

*Legislation* means ordinances, resolutions, amendments, nominations, appointments, reports, contracts or proposed contracts, and other matters pending or proposed in the Board or which require Board approval.

*Legislative action* means the development, drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, adoption, rejection, review, enactment, or passage or defeat of any ordinance, amendment, motion, resolution, report, nomination, administrative rule or other matter by any County official or County employee. The term "legislative action" also means the action of the President in approving or vetoing any ordinance, resolution or motion or portion thereof, and the action of any County official or County employee in the development of a proposal for introduction before the Board.

~~*Lobby or lobbying* means to, for compensation, attempt to influence a County official or County employee with respect to any County matter.~~

*Lobbyist* means any person who lobbies, on behalf of any person other than himself, or as any part of his duties as an employee of another, undertakes to influence any legislative or administrative action, including but not limited to:

- (1) A bond inducement ordinance;
- (2) A zoning matter;
- (3) A concession agreement;
- (4) The creation of a tax increment financing district;
- (5) The establishment of a Class 6(b) Cook County property tax classification;
- (6) The introduction, passage or other action to be taken on an ordinance, resolution, motion, order, appointment or other matter before the Cook County Board of Commissioners;

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*Person* means any individual, entity, corporation, partnership, firm, association, union, trust, estate, as well as any parent or subsidiary of any of the foregoing, and whether or not operated for profit.

*Political contribution* means any money or thing of value given to a political committee, as defined in 10 ILCS 5/9-1.9 (political committee defined), in the County.

**\* Referred to the Committee on Finance on September 1, 2010.**

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**298633      AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE  
(PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Forrest Claypool and Mike Quigley, County Commissioners; Co-Sponsored by Anthony J. Peraica, County Commissioner.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook, Illinois is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and pursuant to the authority therein granted, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 3, 1993, pursuant to its home rule powers, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County adopted an Ordinance establishing a Code of Ethical Conduct for Cook County officials and employees which Ordinance was effective September 1, 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, effective November 19, 2003, the General Assembly of Illinois enacted the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430 et seq., ("State Ethics Act") which establishes a code of ethical conduct for all state officers, members of the Illinois General Assembly, and state employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Ethics Act also provides that within six months of its enactment, Cook County shall regulate the political activities of certain officials and employees of Cook County, and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by the offering and making of gifts to officials and employees of Cook County in a manner no less restrictive than the provisions of the State

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**Sec. 2-585. Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials.**

(a) No person who has done business with the County within the preceding four years or is seeking to do business with the County or is a lobbyist registered with the County shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,500.00:

- (1) To any candidate for County office or elected County official during a single candidacy; or
- (2) To an elected official of the government of the County during any nonelection year of his or her term.

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to but not exceeding \$3,000.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year for purposes of this section is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, an entity and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise affiliated companies, and any of their employees, officers, directors and partners who make a political contribution for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its affiliates shall be considered a single person. However, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit such an employee, officer, director or partner from making a political contribution for which he is not reimbursed by a person with whom he or she is affiliated, even if that person has made the maximum contribution allowed under Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Any contributions made under this section shall be reported as required by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

(d) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, "done business" or "doing business" means any one or any combination of sales, purchases, leases or contracts to, from or with the County or any County agency in excess of \$10,000.00 in any 12-consecutive months. "Done business" or "doing business" also means representation involving real property assessments, property tax appeals, zoning matters, and property tax incentives, the total fees of which earned or accrued by a person exceed \$10,000.00 in any 12 consecutive months during the previous four years.

(e) To the extent that the Zoning Board, Zoning Administrator, Board of Review and County Assessor may be covered by the provisions herein each shall provide notice of the ethics disclosure requirements set forth above. The notice shall be in writing and shall be filed with the County Clerk.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE  
(PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance  
Amendment sponsored by Anthony J. Peraica, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-570, Section 2-573, Section 2-580, Section 2-581 and Section 2-585, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

*Subdivision II. Code of Ethical Conduct.*

**Sec. 2-570. Current and former elected officials; employment restrictions.**

(a) Employment restrictions for current County elected officials.

- (1) No elected official shall accept other employment which will impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of official duties.
- (2) No elected official shall accept other employment which will impair his or her ability to perform County duties and responsibilities.
- (3) Beginning January 1, 2011, no elected official shall be registered as a lobbyist, be employed as lobbyist, or represent any individual or entity, other than Cook County, for the purpose of lobbying any local, state or federal official.

(b) Employment restrictions for former County elected officials.

- (1) No former elected official, nor any business or firm in which they have a financial interest, shall assist or represent any person other than the County in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving the County if the elected official was counsel of record or participated personally and substantially in the proceeding during his or her term of office. No former elected officials, or any business or firm in which they have a financial interest shall receive any compensation or reimbursement, for a period of two years after the termination of his or her term of office, for assisting or representing the County in any judicial or administrative proceeding.
- (2) No former elected official, nor any business or firm in which they have a

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**Sec. 2-573. Dual employment.**

(a) No official or employee shall accept other employment which will impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of official duties.

(b) No official or employee shall accept other employment which will impair his or her ability to perform County duties and responsibilities.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2011, no official or employee shall be registered as a lobbyist, be employed as lobbyist, or represent any individual or entity, other than Cook County, for the purpose of lobbying any local, state or federal official.

**Sec. 2-580. Post employment restrictions.**

(a) No former official or employee, nor any business or firm in which they have a financial interest, shall assist or represent any person other than the County in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving the County if the official or employee was counsel of record or participated personally and substantially in the proceeding during his or her term of office or employment.

(b) No former official or employee, nor any business or firm in which they have a financial interest, shall assist or represent any person in any business transaction involving the County, if the official or employee participated personally and substantially in that transaction during his or her term of office or employment.

(c) No former official or employee may, for a period of ~~one~~ two years after the termination of his or her term of office or employment, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from an employer if the employee or official, during the year immediately preceding termination of County employment and on behalf of the County, participated personally and substantially in the decision to award County contracts with a cumulative value of over \$25,000.00 to the person or entity, or its parent or subsidiary.

(d) The requirements of this section may be waived by the Board of Ethics if the Board of Ethics finds in writing that the County's negotiations and decisions regarding the procurement of the contract or contracts were not materially affected by any potential for employment of that official or employee by the employer.

(e) This section applies only to persons who terminate an affected position on or ~~after the effective date of this article~~

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(c) For purposes of this section, the term "financial interest" shall not include the interest of the spouse of an official or employee which interest is related to the independent occupation, profession or employment of the spouse.

**Sec. 2-585. Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials.**

(a) No person who has done business with the County within the preceding four years or is seeking to do business with the County or is a lobbyist registered with the County shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding \$750.00:

- (1) To any candidate for County office or elected County official during a single candidacy; or
- (2) To an elected official of the government of the County during any nonelection year of his or her term.
- (3) To any local, state, or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, a candidate for County office or an elected County official.

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, \$1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, an entity and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise affiliated companies, and any of their employees, officers, directors and partners who make a political contribution for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its affiliates shall be considered a single person. ~~However, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit such an employee, officer, director or partner from making a political contribution for which he is not reimbursed by a person with whom he or she is affiliated, even if that person has made the maximum contribution allowed under Subsection (a) of this section.~~

(c) Any contributions made under this section shall be reported as required by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

(d) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, "done business" or "doing business" means any one or any combination of sales, purchases, leases or contracts to, from or with the County or any County agency, including any of its departments, divisions, offices, boards, commissions, committees, or commissions.

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(g) For the purposes of Subsection (a), contributions to a candidate for County office or elected County official includes contributions to any non-County political funds under that individual's name, therefore any contributions to a candidate's or elected County official's County political fund or non-County political fund shall be combined and counted as an aggregate amount towards a single maximum.

**Effective Date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

\* Referred to the Committee on Finance on May 18, 2010.

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306663      **AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-570 (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Larry Suffredin, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-570 is hereby enacted as follows:

***Subdivision II. Code of Ethical Conduct***

**Sec. 2-570. Current and Former elected officials; employment restrictions**

- (a) Employment restrictions for current County elected officials.
  - (1) No elected official shall accept other employment which will impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of official duties.
  - (2) No elected official shall accept other employment which will impair his or her ability to perform County duties and responsibilities.

\* Referred to the Committee on Finance on May 18, 2010.

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- (1) ~~To any candidate for County office or elected County official, to any local, state or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, a candidate for County office or elected County official during a single candidacy the period January 1 through June 30 of any year in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election to a county office; or~~
- (2) ~~To an elected official of the government of the County during any nonelection year of his or her term. a combined total of \$750 to any candidate for County office or elected County official, to any local, state or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, a candidate for County office or elected County official during the period July 1 through December 31 of any year in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election to a county office; or~~
- (3) ~~To any local, state, or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, a candidate for County office or an elected County official a combined total of \$750 to an elected official of the government of Cook County, to any local, state or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, an elected County official during any nonelection year of his or her term.~~

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, \$1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, an entity and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise affiliated companies, and any of their employees, officers, directors and partners who make a political contribution for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its affiliates shall be considered a single person. However, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit such an employee, officer, director or partner from making a political contribution for which he is not reimbursed by a person with whom he or she is affiliated, even if that person has made the maximum contribution allowed under Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Any contributions made under this section shall be reported as required by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

(d) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, "done business" or "doing business" means any one or any combination of sales, purchases, leases or contracts to, from or with the County or any County agency.

**308458 AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Forrest Claypool, Bridget Gainer, Gregg Goslin, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri and Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Section 2-585 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-585 Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials.**

(a) No person who has done business with the County within the preceding four years or is seeking to do business with the County or is a lobbyist registered with the County shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding \$750.00:

- (1) To any candidate for County office or elected County official during a single candidacy; or
- (2) To an elected official of the government of the County during any nonelection year of his or her term.
- (3) To any local, state, or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, a candidate for County office or an elected County official.

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, \$1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, an entity and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise affiliated companies, and any of their employees, officers, directors and partners who make a political contribution for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its affiliates shall be considered a single person. However, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit such an employee, officer, director or partner from making a political contribution for which he is not reimbursed by a person with whom he or she is affiliated, even if that person has made the maximum contribution allowed under Subsection (a) of this section.

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(f) For purposes of Subsection (a) of this section, "seeking to do business" means taking action within the past six months to obtain a contract or business with the County when, if such action were successful, it would result in the person doing business with the County as defined in Subsection (d) of this section.

(g) Any candidate for County Assessor or Board of Review shall return contributions found in excess of the limitations set forth in this section within 30 days of notification from the Board of Ethics. Failure to return contributions within 30 days shall be a violation of this section and subject to fines under section 2-602(d).

**Effective date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**\* Referred to the Committee on Finance on September 1, 2010.**

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**307205 AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Gregg Goslin, County Commissioner

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**AMENDMENTS TO THE COOK COUNTY ETHICS ORDINANCE**

The following amendments to the Cook County Ethics Ordinance are proposed to clarify, and further tighten the ethics standards of Cook County government:

**Sec. 2-574. Receiving and soliciting gifts and favors.**

(a) *Gift Ban.* ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division,~~ No official or employee shall intentionally solicit or accept any gift from any prohibited source or in violation of any Federal or State statute, rule, or regulation or any County ordinance, rule or regulation. This ban applies to and includes spouses of and immediate family living with the official or employee. No prohibited source shall intentionally offer or make a gift that violates this section.

(8) ~~Food or refreshments not exceeding \$75.00 per person. Food or~~

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**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the following amendments to the Cook County Ethics Ordinance are approved by President Todd Stroger and the Cook County Board of Commissioners to clarify, and further tighten the ethics standards of Cook County government; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that these amendments are effective immediately upon adoption.

\* Referred to the Committee on Finance on June 15, 2010.

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**308457 AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Forrest Claypool, Bridget Gainer, Gregg Goslin, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri and Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Section 2-583 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-583. Political activity.**

a) No official or employee shall compel, coerce or intimidate any County official or employee to make or refrain from making any political contribution. No official shall directly solicit any political contribution from his or her employees or the spouses of or immediate family living with his or her employees. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent any official or employee from voluntarily making a contribution or from receiving a voluntary contribution.

b) No employee with contract management authority shall serve on the political fundraising committee of any elected official or candidate for County office.

c) County employees shall not intentionally perform any prohibited political activity

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(g) Nothing in this section prohibits activities that are otherwise appropriate for a County employee to engage in as a part of his or her official County employment duties or activities that are undertaken by an employee on a voluntary basis as permitted by law.

**Effective date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**\* Referred to the Committee on Finance on September 1, 2010.**

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**308459      AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT ORDINANCE  
(PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT).** Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Forrest Claypool, Bridget Gainer, Gregg Goslin, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri and Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article V Sanctions for Violation, Section 2-602 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-602.    Fines.**

(a) As authorized by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, the Board may impose a fine of up to \$5,000.00 per violation against any person found by the Board to have violated, intentionally obstructed or interfered with an investigation of, or intentionally made a false, frivolous or bad faith allegation under Section 2-574 or 2-583.

(b) As authorized by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a person who intentionally violates any provision of Section 2-574 is guilty of a business offense and subject upon conviction to a fine of at least \$1,001.00 and up to \$5,000.00.

(c) As authorized by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a person who intentionally violates any provision of Section 2-583 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.